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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1175

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 20, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Feb 13, 2003

SUBJECT: Underground Plant Protection.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Kuzman

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Hershman

BILL STATUS: As Passed - House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) Beginning September 1, 2004, the bill requires all operators of underground utility facilities to join an association that provides mutual receipt of notice of planned excavation or demolition operations to operators if the articles of incorporation or the bylaws of the association impose certain membership and voting requirements on the association's board of directors.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) *Municipal Utilities:* Municipally owned utilities with underground facilities would be subject to the provisions in this bill beginning September 1, 2004 if the organization of the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service (IUPPS) meets the conditions described in the bill.

County Recorders: The provisions in this bill are not expected to have a significant impact on the administrative burden of county recorders' offices.

Background Information: This bill would require operators of underground utility facilities to become members of IUPPS if the Service meets certain conditions. The nonprofit service is administered by member operators of underground utility facilities and acts as a notification clearinghouse between excavators and member underground facility operators. Approximately 275 utility services operating in Indiana are members

of the IUPPS.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Municipally owned utilities; County recorders.

Information Sources: Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service, www.iupps.org.

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